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In March of 2006 and August of 2007, two innocent County residents lost their lives; they were shot and killed because they confronted graffiti vandals “in the act”. As a result of these tragedies, a motion was introduced to augment the penalties for graffiti vandalism offenses in County unincorporated areas and flood control channels to include not only criminal but civil penalties and to hold parents accountable for the misdeeds of their children. Part of the process included establishing a Pilot Project that included a collaboration between the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW), the Office of the District Attorney, County Counsel, and the Sheriff’s Department, to create a Vandalism Enforcement Team and begin the tracking of graffiti vandal’s actions in particular County areas. During the first six months of the project, the Pico Rivera Sheriff’s station made 168 vandalism arrests utilizing the Graffiti Tracker database system. This project is greatly successful. It has reduced graffiti in the area and improved the quality of life for constituents.

DPW administers graffiti removal contracts for the County; DPW staff have spoken with the contractors servicing the unincorporated areas of City Terrace, East Los Angeles,

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Valinda and Walnut Park about amending their existing contracts to provide for the photographing of graffiti tags before they are removed and downloading the photographs to the Graffiti Tracker database. Each of the contractors has indicated a willingness to provide these additional services.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Director of Public Works be authorized to execute amendments to graffiti removal contract nos. 75700, 75701, 75703, and 75696, for the County unincorporated areas of City Terrace, East Los Angeles, Valinda and Walnut Park, providing for the following:

1. Revise the scope of work of each contract to include photographing graffiti “tags” before they are removed and downloading them into the Graffiti Tracker system;
2. Increase the maximum contract amount of contract no. 75700 by an additional \$19,200 per year to compensate the contractor for the additional services to be provided under the revised scope of work.
3. Increase the maximum contract amount of contract no. 75701, by an additional \$28,800 per year to compensate the contractor for the additional services to be provided under the revised scope of work.
4. Increase the maximum contract amount of contract no. 75703, by an additional \$12,000 per year to compensate the contractor for the additional services to be provided under the revised scope of work. Increase the maximum contract amount of contract no. 75696 by an additional \$7,200 per year to compensate the contractor for the additional services to be provided under the revised scope of work.